

## SCHOOL BOARD IN BUSY SESSION

A Schedule of Legislation is Arranged for General Assembly.

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Holds Time Not Opportune to Bring Higher Institutions Into Co-operative Action.

At an important meeting held last night in this city the State Board of Education arranged a schedule of legislation for the present session. The board has abandoned its effort to bring the higher institutions of learning in Virginia into co-operative action in the matter of State appropriations, and failed to agree upon the question of the enactment of a compulsory education law recommended by Governor Montague. The board met in the Marshall House with all the members present except Governor Montague and Superintendent Bowen. The board met in the Marshall House with all the members present except Governor Montague and Superintendent Bowen. The board met in the Marshall House with all the members present except Governor Montague and Superintendent Bowen.

Not Opportune Now.  
In regard to the resolution adopted at the December meeting of the board offering its friendly offices to the State higher institutions of learning, it was decided that such action at present would probably be inopportune and inadvisable; but it is hoped that this may be the initial effort to unify the institutions and make them all integral parts of one great educational system.

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"Resolved, first, That we, the representatives of Southern banks, hereby renew our pledge of moral and financial support to their efforts to carry out their purpose; and, second, we urge the importance of a better and more complete system of warehousing for cotton."

At an address on the "Newspaper and its relation to the Southern people," given at the First National Bank of Birmingham, Ala., spoke on "The Farmer, Banker and Warehouse Man."

Foreign Trade Relations.  
Chairman J. H. White presented the report of the committee on foreign trade relations. It endorsed that made by the attending committee, and was adopted by ex-Senator McLaurin, as chairman, said the committee met President Roosevelt and cabinet officers in Washington.

The committee gave a long list of commercial and other bodies which had in the past been successful in securing a commission to go abroad, and submitted a resolution, which was adopted, endorsing the bill of the United States to North Carolina, and Representative Richardson, of Alabama, Congress was asked for a resolution in favor of the bill.

Mrs. Webb, of Mississippi, was heartily cheered when she had completed the reading of a poem in honor of the cotton trade, and a recess was taken until night.

LIBERALS GAIN A MAN  
IN BOROUGH OF IPSWICH

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, January 12.—The Liberals made an encouraging start in the election struggle to-day by winning another seat at Ipswich, which elected the two Liberal candidates by large majorities. Daniel Ford Goddard was re-elected, and Felix Cobbold defeated Sir Charles Dalrymple, who for several years has represented Ipswich in the Conservative interest.

Which was the only borough which polled to-day. For the last 12 years the borough has returned one Conservative and one Liberal.

One Liberal and one Conservative were returned unopposed to-day from two other boroughs.

TOWN OF PANTHER BURNING  
AND TELEGRAPH WIRES DOWN

(By Associated Press.)  
ROANOKE, VA., January 12.—Messrs. reports were received here late to-night that a fire is raging in the little town of Panther, McDowell county, W. Va. The telegraph wires have been burned and details of the conflagration are not obtainable. The Ritter Lumber Company's large plant is located at Panther, near the railroad depot, which building is believed to have been destroyed.

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## MEMBERS STAND BY THE GOVERNOR

Many Bills Offered Designed to Carry Portions of Message Into Effect.

**WOULD GUARD THE CAPITOL**

The message of Governor Montague was not only received with favor by the legislature on the day of its reading, but measure after measure has been offered in both houses, designed to carry certain of the Governor's views with effect.

Captain Camm Patterson, who declares the document the ablest paper he ever read, has presented a resolution in the Senate instructing the Committee on Courts to bring in a measure embodying His Excellency's views as to the management of the fiscal affairs of the State. Senator Thomas has offered a general primary bill which is in line with the Governor's recommendations on this point and the Lasser-Withers road law confirms very nearly to the recommendations in the message as to highways improvement.

The bill of Mr. Caton doubling the public school appropriation is another measure which found suggestion in the message, as did that offered by Hon. Harry Glenn yesterday, creating the office of special accountant.

In the House yesterday, Hon. Harry Houston, of Hampton, offered a bill to establish a school for the colored deaf and blind, which was strongly recommended by the Governor.

Apportionment of the State aid in caring for the graves of Confederate dead was made yesterday by Senator H. T. Wickham in a bill directing the auditor to draw warrants upon the treasurer for 1906 and 1907 in the following amounts:

Hollywood, Richmond, \$500.  
Oakwood, Richmond, \$500.  
Blackburg, Va., \$15.  
Ashland, \$15.  
Harrisonburg, \$20.  
Charlottesville, \$20.  
Mount Jackson, \$20.  
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Farmville, High Bridge, \$20.  
Pulaski, \$20.  
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Montgomery, White Sulphur, \$20.  
Huguenot Springs, \$15.  
Martinsville, \$15.  
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Abingdon, \$10.  
Norfolk, \$20.  
Lynchburg, \$100.  
Spotsylvania Courthouse, \$20.  
Danville, \$20.  
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Wytheville, \$20.  
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Courtland, \$10.  
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Front Royal, \$20.  
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There are quite a number of newspaper men in the present General Assembly. On the Senate side are Messrs. Strode and Niemeyer. The former, while a strong practicing attorney, is part owner and editor of the *Amherst Progress*, while the latter is connected with the *Norfolk Ledger*. Committee Clerk O. V. Hanger, of Amherst, is connected with the *New Era*.

Hon. R. E. Byrd, of Winchester, on the House side, is an able attorney in active practice, but he is also owner of the *Star* in this city, and writes its more important editorials. Hon. Harry R. Houston, of Hampton, is editor of the *Monitor*, the leading paper in that section. Hon. G. E. Lane, of Mathews, is an old newspaper man, and was for years connected with the *Richmond Dispatch*. Hon. W. E. Gaines, of Norfolk, has had long experience in the mechanical department of newspaper offices, being a journeyman printer, and John, Charles T. Bland, of Portsmouth, was for years on the *Norfolk Landmark*.

There are possibly others of the fourth estate in the body whose identification will be discovered later.

Something unique in the way of legislative measures was proposed yesterday in the Senate by Judge Sims, of Louisa, a bill requiring that the trees of all lots less than one acre in area shall be no less than six inches in diameter. This was one of a series of bills offered by Senator Sims, embodying a new good roads scheme. While the measure is novel, it is really a very practical proposition, and is designed to prevent the cutting of the dirt roads with the narrow row trees often used for heavy loads. The bill imposes a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$25 for each offense.

In a bill offered by Senator Thomas yesterday, punishment for failure to pay debts or for non-performance of contractual obligations is abolished and such causes are made enforceable by civil action or warrant only. The bill repeals all conflicting acts of cities and towns.

Rockingham, simply availing himself of his chair and gazed thankfully at the broken white of the Senate Chamber walls. There was manifestly some strange look which was beginning to impress itself powerfully upon the Senator. He finally pulled out a few words, and after dotting down a few words, sent it to the clerk's desk. It was a resolution providing that the clerk of the Senate be authorized to procure at once a clock for the use of the Senate Chamber. The Senate agreed with smiles and unanimity. Later on when the flood of bills was still rolling over the Senate and the joint session seemed a long way off, and the hour fixed for it very near, the thought of the clock occurred to the Senate again.

Mr. President: I think it is about time that we proceeded to the hall of the House of Delegates," he said, and the Senate shortly afterwards adopted the suggestion.

The absence of the clock is not the only lack. Much discomfort is being caused by the failure of the desks to arrive at the desks. The senators sit about the chamber in movable chairs, and have no place for papers, books or bills. This causes some confusion and no small worry. A great sigh of relief will greet the arrival of the desks.

Hon. Harry C. Glenn yesterday offered a bill in the House to create the office of special accountant for the State. The accountant is to be skilled in the profession of modern bookkeeping, and is to be appointed by the Governor for a term of four years, subject to confirmation by the Senate. His office shall be in the State House, and he shall receive the sum of \$2,000 per annum and \$500 for expenses.

His bond shall be \$5,000, to be approved by the Governor. It shall have the same force and effect as if it were a law of the State.

AGAINST DISPENSARY.  
Supreme Court Sustains Counties Voting It Out.

(By Associated Press.)  
COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 12.—The State Supreme Court to-day handed down an unanimous opinion declaring the Breco act, which authorized counties to vote on the question of the dispensary, to be constitutional. That portion of the act which provided that counties voting out the dispensary should not be subject to the payment of a fine for each violation of the law, was, however, declared unconstitutional.

Under the Breco law and the act is enacted as to whether or not it shall have the dispensary or prohibition. To-day the court decided that the